## **CLAIMS**

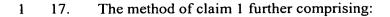
## What is claimed is:

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1	1	A method	comprising:
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- 2 receiving information about a medical procedure performed for a patient based
- 3 upon a request from a healthcare provider;
- 4 performing a query function to retrieve from one or more databases a list of data
- 5 sources based upon the received information about the medical procedure; and
- 6 generating one or more documents containing the list of data sources retrieved
- 7 from the database.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the information about the medical procedure
- 2 comprises one or more procedure codes indicating the medical procedure performed for
- 3 the patient.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the one or more procedure codes comprise
- 2 procedure codes according to the Current Procedure Terminology (CPT).
- 1 4. The method of claim 2 wherein the one or more procedure codes comprise
- 2 procedure codes according to the International Classification of Disease (ICD).
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

- 2 receiving information about the patient including diagnosis information based
- 3 upon a diagnosis of the patient performed by the healthcare provider, the diagnosis
- 4 information comprises one or more diagnosis codes indicating one or more conditions of
- 5 the patient based upon the diagnosis.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein a data source is referenced by an address
- 2 corresponding to a location where the data source resides.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the address corresponding to the location where
- 2 the data source resides comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein performing the query function comprises:
- 2 generating a set of queries containing query criteria based on the received
- 3 information about the medical procedure; and
- 4 executing the set of queries to retrieve from the one or more databases the list of
- 5 data sources matching the query criteria.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein generating the set of queries comprises:
- 2 selecting a set of existing queries that correspond to the received information
- 3 about the medical procedure.
- 1 10. The method of claim 8 wherein generating the set of queries comprises:

- constructing a set of queries based on the information received about the medical
   procedure.
- 1 11. The method of claim 10 wherein constructing comprises:
- determining one or more medical procedure identifiers from the information
- 3 received.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11 wherein a medical procedure identifier corresponds to a
- 2 procedure code.
- 1 13. The method of claim 11 wherein a medical procedure identifier corresponds to a
- 2 procedure description.
- 1 14. The method of claim 11 wherein the one or more medical procedure identifiers
- 2 are included in the information received.
- 1 15. The method of claim 11 wherein the one or more medical procedure identifiers
- 2 are derived from the information received.
- 1 16. The method of claim 11 further comprising:
- determining additional procedure identifiers that are equivalent to the one or more
- 3 procedure identifiers included in the information received.

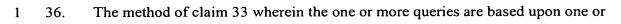


- 2 allowing the healthcare provider to access the one or more documents via a
- 3 computer network.
- 1 18. The method of claim 17 further comprising:
- 2 allowing the healthcare provider to provide feedback or comments with respect to
- 3 the information contained in the one or more documents.
- 1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the computer network is selected from the group
- 2 consisting of a local area network, a wide area network, and the Internet.
- 1 20. The method of claim 8 wherein the query criteria include contextual information
- 2 applicable to the information received.
- 1 21. A database of information comprising:
- 2 a first code corresponding to a medical procedure;
- a list of one or more definitions corresponding to the first code; and
- a first list of data sources obtained based upon the one or more definitions.
- 1 22. The database of claim 21 wherein the one or more definitions are used to identify
- 2 a set of documents from which the data sources are selected.
- 1 23. The database of claim 26 further comprising:



- 1 24. The database of claim 23 wherein the query criteria further comprise contextual
- 2 information applicable to the first code.
- 1 25. The database of claim 23 wherein the queries are used to identify the set of
- 2 documents from which the data sources are selected.
- 1 26. The database of claim 21 wherein the first code is a medical procedure code
- 2 corresponding to a particular medical procedure performed by a healthcare service
- 3 provider.
- 1 27. The database of claim 21 wherein the first code is a code according to the Current
- 2 Procedural Terminology (CPT).
- 1 28. The database of claim 21 wherein the first code is a code according to the
- 2 International Classification of Disease (ICD).
- 1 29. The database of claim 21 wherein the first code is a code according to the HCFA
- 2 Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).

- 1 30. The database of claim 21 wherein the first code is a code according to the READ
- 2 code classification.
- 1 31. The database of claim 21 wherein a data source is referenced by an address
- 2 corresponding to a location where the data source resides.
- 1 32. The database of claim 31 wherein the address corresponding to the location where
- 2 the data source resides comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).
- 1 33. A method of developing a database of information, comprising:
- 2 generating one or more queries based upon a procedure code;
- 3 identifying one or more documents based upon the one or more queries;
- 4 performing a selection process to select a subset of documents from the one or
- 5 more documents identified based upon a set of selection criteria; and
- 6 storing the subset of documents in the database.
- 1 34. The method of claim 33 wherein the procedure code is an International
- 2 Classification of Disease (ICD) code or a Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) code.
- 1 35. The method of claim 33 wherein the one or more queries are based upon a first
- 2 definition of the procedure code according to a specific classification scheme.



- 2 more additional definitions of the procedure code.
- 1 37. The method of claim 33 wherein identifying the one or more documents
- 2 comprises:
- identifying a list of databases on the World Wide Web (WWW); and
- 4 searching the databases using the one or more queries to identify the one or more
- 5 documents that match the query criteria specified in the one or more queries.
- 1 38. A system comprising:
- 2 a first database to store multiple lists of content links, each list corresponding to a
- 3 specific medical procedure code; and
- a first server to receive information about a medical procedure from one or more
- 5 sources, said information about the medical procedure including one or more procedure
- 6 codes, the first server to retrieve from the first database one or more lists of content links
- based upon the one or more procedure codes received, the first server to generate one or
- 8 more documents containing the one or more list of content links retrieved from the first
- 9 database.
- 1 39. The system of claim 38 wherein the one or more documents generated are stored
- 2 in a second database.

- 1 40. The system of claim 38 wherein the one or more documents are made accessible
- 2 to a healthcare provider via a computer network.
- 1 41. The system of claim 38 wherein the computer network is the Internet.
- 1 42. The system of claim 38 wherein the first server comprises:
- 2 logic to receive the information about the medical procedure from the one or more
- 3 sources;
- 4 logic to generate a set of queries based upon one or more definitions
- 5 corresponding to the one or more procedure codes received; and
- logic to execute the set of queries to retrieve from the first database the one or
- 7 more list of content links that correspond to the set of queries.
- 1 43. The system of claim 38 wherein each list of content links stored in the first
- 2 database is identified using a set of queries generated from one or more definitions
- 3 associated with the respective procedure code.
- 1 44. The system of claim 38 wherein the set of queries is used to search one or more
- 2 databases on the World Wide Web to identify a potential list of content links.
- 1 45. The system of claim 38 wherein the potential list of content links is used to select
- 2 the corresponding list of content links that is stored in the first database.

- 1 46. A machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a
- 2 machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:
- 3 receiving information about a medical procedure performed for a patient based
- 4 upon a request from a healthcare provider;
- 5 performing a query function to retrieve from a database a list of data sources
- 6 based upon the received information about the medical procedure; and
- 7 generating one or more documents containing the list of data sources retrieved
- 8 from the database.
- 1 47. The machine-readable medium of claim 46 wherein the information about the
- 2 medical procedure comprises one or more procedure codes indicating the medical
- 3 procedure performed for the patient.
- 1 48. The machine-readable medium of claim 46 wherein the one or more procedure
- 2 codes comprise procedure codes according to the Current Procedure Terminology (CPT)
- 3 or the International Classification of Disease (ICD).
- 1 49. The machine-readable medium of claim 48 wherein performing the query
- 2 function comprises:
- generating a set of queries containing query criteria based on the received
- 4 information about the medical procedure; and
- 5 executing the set of queries to retrieve from the database the list of data sources
- 6 matching the query criteria.

- 1 50. A machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a
  2 machine, cause the machine to perform the following:
  3 generating one or more queries based upon a procedure code;
  4 identifying one or more documents based upon the one or more queries;
- performing a selection process to select a subset of documents from the one or more documents identified based upon a set of selection criteria; and storing the subset of documents in a database.
- 1 51. The machine-readable medium of claim 50 wherein the procedure code is an
- 2 International Classification of Disease (ICD) code or a Current Procedure Terminology
- 3 (CPT) code.
- 1 52. The machine-readable medium of claim 51 wherein the one or more queries are
- 2 based upon a first definition of the procedure code.
- 1 53. The machine-readable medium of claim 52 wherein the one or more queries are
- 2 based upon one or more additional definitions of the procedure code.
- 1 54. The machine-readable medium of claim 50 wherein identifying the one or more
- 2 documents comprises:
- 3 identifying a list of databases on the World Wide Web (WWW); and
- 4 searching the databases using the one or more queries to identify the one or more
- 5 documents that match the query criteria specified in the one or more queries.

1	55. A database comprising:		
2	a list of patients; and		
3	for each patient in the list, a set of documents each generated based upon		
4	information received from a healthcare service provider following a performance of a		
5	medical procedure for the respective patient according to a request by the respective		
6	patient's healthcare provider, said set of documents being accessible by said respective		
7	healthcare provider via a computer network.		
1	The database of claim 55 wherein the information received from said healthcare		
2	service provider comprises one or more procedure codes, said one or more procedure		
3	codes being used to retrieve one or more lists of data sources to be included in the		
4	respective document for the respective patient.		
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